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REGULATING MAMMALIAN  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003 be extended for a period of 1 month(s) from April 11, 2003 to and including May 11, 2003. Because May 11, 2003 falls on a Sunday, and May 12, 2003 is Monday, the following business day, Applicants submit that the response is timely filed.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$55.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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